by the various Branches of the CBI on the residential/office permises of the 31 IncomeTax Officials involved in 18 cases registered by the various Branches of the CBI on various allegations like possession of assets disproportionate to the known sources of their income cheating, forgery, bribery and criminal misconduct etc.

Details of the moveable/immoveable properties discovered during the searches are given below:—

	Rs.
Cash, Bank Balance FDRs, NSCs, Shares etc.	2515987.00
Jewellary, Households and moveable properrties.	1836049.00
Immoveable properties	1739321.00

Besides a large number of incriminating documents were seized which are under scrutiny.

(b) As a result of above mentioned searches 4 Income Tax Officials were arrested and released on bail. Out of 31 Income Tax Officials whose residential/office premises were searched, against 2 officials charge-sheets have been filed in the Courts and agianst 2 officials departmental proceedings have been initiated. Case against one Official has been closed as the allegations were not substantiated.

Cases against the remaining 26 Income Tax Officials are under investigation.

(c) The 2 officials against whom charge sheets have been filed are facing trial in Courts.

Forged Hundred-Rupee Currency Notes

695. SHRI J. P. GOYAL : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Rajasthan branch of the Reserve Bank of India has detected sudden and steep increase in the number of forged hundred-rupee currency notes;

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government thereto; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take or have suggested to be taken by various States and other organisations to check the activities of such unscrupulous persons indulged in printing and circulation of fake currency notes ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI) : (a) The number of forged hundred-rupee notes detected by the Rajasthan branch of the Reserve Bank of India in the last four years is as follows :

Year	No. of notes
1983	5
1984	8
1985	16*
1986 (Jan-March)	9

*Figure is provisional.

The above figures would indicate that there has been an increase in the detection of forged hundred-rupee notes.

(b) and (c) In order to prevent counterfeiting, the Indian currency and bank notes are printed on special mould paper with special security inks and incorporate the following security features :—

(1) Water-mark of Ashoka Pillar design.

(2) Multi-colour off-set printing.

(3) Security thread in the case of notes of Rs. 5/- denomination and above.

(4) Intaglio printing on notes of Rs. 20/-, Rs. 50/- and Rs. 100/- (The notes of Rs. 10/-, Rs. 5/-, Rs. 2/- and Re. 1/- do not have any intaglio printing).

The Central Bureau of Investigation also consolidates and circulates to all State Governments and Union Territories information relating to counterfeit currencies to facilitate detection of forged currency notes.

Demand of Jute Goods

696. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA :
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA :

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the despatches of jute goods from jute mills have declined in February last indicating a sluggishness in demand both in the domestic and export markets ;

(b) if so, what are the monthwise details of despatch of jute goods so far during the current year; and

(c) what are the reasons for sluggishness in demand and steps being taken to improve the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN) : (a) to (c) Month-wise total production, despatches of jute goods from mills for both export and internal consumption and percentage share of despatches of jute goods over production during financial year 1985-86 are as under :—

(Quantity in '000 Tonnes)

Month	Production	Total despatches	percentage share of despatches over production
April, 1985	81.9	88.2	107.7
May, 1985	73.9	75.4	102.0
June, 1985	77.2	71.6	92.7
July, 1985	95.4	91.8	96.2
August, 1985	104.9	100.7	96.0
September, 1985	116.1	116.3	100.2
October, 1985	124.8	132.1	105.8
November, 1985	137.7	140.6	102.1
December, 1985	143.8	149.6	104.0
January, 1986	139.1	143.4	103.1
February, 1986	124.2	191.1	95.9
March, 1986 (Provisional)	132.7	129.8	97.8